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Tuition increase appears inevitable

By VICTORIA DOM
Staff Reporter

Tuition and fees may further increase as the Legislature seeks ways to balance the state budget.

The State Legislature began their 105-day session on Monday to decide on the budget plan after the release of Governor Chris Gregoire's proposal in December.

The grim revenue projections leave the state with an almost \$5 billion deficit, due in major part to the economic downfall.

"In my 10 years in this position, this is the worst situation we have ever been in," said State Rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines.

The House and Senate are left to make severe budget cuts to fill the gap between the \$30 billion budget and \$4.6 billion revenue shortfall.

Due to a citizen's initiative that was passed in November's elections, two-thirds of both the



State Rep. Dave Upthegrove

House and Senate are now required to agree in order to raise taxes, said Upthegrove. The initiative makes it nearly impossible to increase taxes, leaving budget cuts as the solution to fill the hole.

"The plan will be to make cuts, but where to make the cuts is what needs to be decided,"

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Board of Trustees gains another new member

By KANDI CARLSON
Staff Reporter

Bob Roegner hopes to bring his experience with budgets and government, and even owning his mistakes, will help him as new trustee.

Roegner was appointed by Gov. Chris Gregoire, on Jan 3 as Barbara Reid's term expired at the end of last year.

Roegner has 30 years of experience in senior level positions with budgets and human resources at the government level, he said.

He believes his addition affords Highline another asset in dealing with budget issues that may present themselves once the governor releases her final state budget.



Bob Roegner

He has held a variety of government jobs that include: Auburn city mayor, Auburn City Council member, State of Washington Employment Secu-

rity Department, and is a former division director of Records, Elections, Archives, and Licensing, to name only a few.

These high level positions were not always in his future however.

"My high school counselor recommended I become a mechanic," he said. "I am not even allowed to hammer a nail at home."

Instead of rushing into a career he had little skill in or interest in, he joined a summer program in high school that allowed him to work in a prison.

It was through this experience he decided that he wanted to work in psychology or sociology, Roegner said.

He enrolled in Peninsula Community College and started

on the path to earning his bachelor's and master's degrees.

"I found the community college experience to be simply outstanding for me," he said. "It is partly why I wanted to serve on the board."

He holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in sociology from Pacific Lutheran University.

"Initially I wanted to be a psychologist focusing on sociology, but I started working at the Employment Security Department as an employment counselor for youth instead."

It was this position that led to his discovering he "much more enjoyed the management side of

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The state's two-year college system maintains an open-door admissions policy by law, and the governor backtracked on Jan. 3, when she said that she supports the current policy.

"Governor Gregoire believes community colleges' strong academics and wide range of technical training contribute to high

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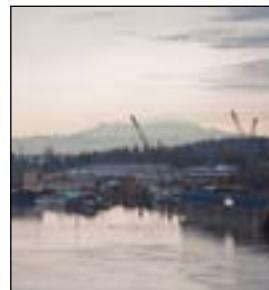
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Crime and Punishment

Construction site theft

The construction site in Building 9 was robbed in late December 2010. The theft was reported by a construction worker on Dec. 29, 2010. It is estimated that the theft took place sometime between 4 p.m. on Dec. 28 and 6:30 a.m. on Dec. 29. Various construction materials were taken.

Female student cursed and challenged

A female Highline student was cursed and challenged to a fight on Jan. 5 by a woman driving a Mercedes in the east parking lot. The incident occurred as she was pulling into a parking spot, and the other woman attempted to take the same spot without success.

Graffiti found

Graffiti was found written on the wall in the men's restroom in Building 29 on Jan. 7. More graffiti was found written behind the door on the stall in the first floor men's restroom in Building 29 Jan. 7.

Student becomes sick due to cigarette smoke

A Highline student became sick due to an allergic reaction caused by the smell of cigarette smoke in Building 30 on Jan. 6. When a security officer arrived on the scene, the female student was lying on the hallway floor breathing heavily. She recovered after she took her medication.

Aggressive panhandler reported on campus

A panhandler was asking students and staff for money and grabbing door handles of cars in the east parking lot on Jan. 7. Security Officers conducted a cursory check of all the parking lots on campus to look for him, but he was not found.

Vehicle theft in east lot

A Toyota vehicle's catalytic converter was cut off from underneath vehicle in the East Parking Lot on Dec. 29. It is estimated that loss of GPS system is \$500, and that of converter is \$500 - \$1,000.

-Compiled by Yuri Nishizaki

MaST puts its tentacles back on campus

By CODY WARF
Staff Reporter

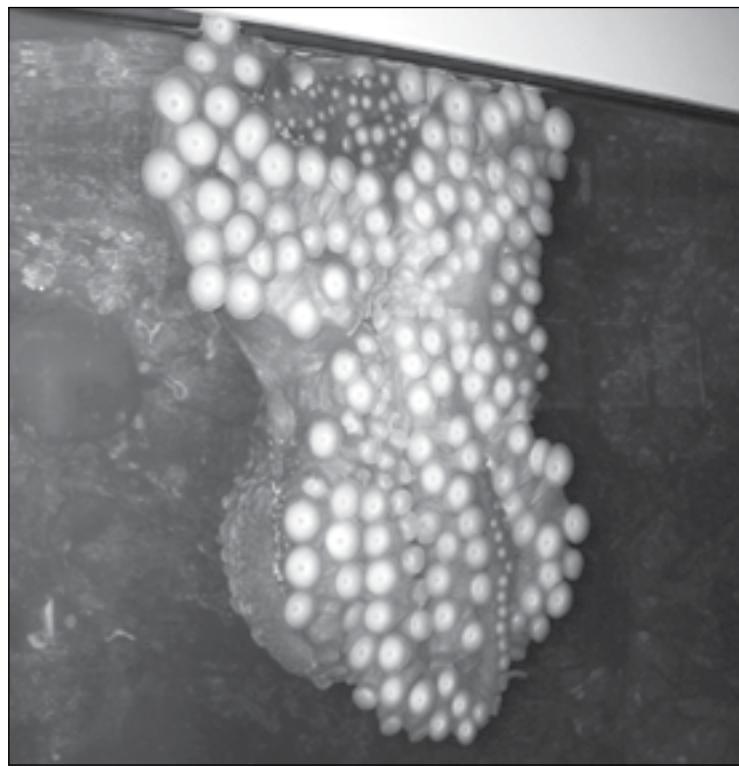
The Marine Science and Technology Center's winter repairs are almost complete from the storm that hit hard on Nov. 22 during Fall Quarter.

"The MaST is functional because of the hard work of the MaST staff and with the help of the Facilities Department," said Rus Higley manager and instructor at the MaST.

The Facilities Department however fixed some electrical problems. There are still repairs to be done to the exterior of the building but are waiting on a contractor to take the bid.

The MaST staff has also been looking into how the whale is doing that Highline received during Spring Quarter 2010. The whale was flensed on May 8th of last year and has since been in the horse manure.

"The bones have been buried in horse manure for the past three months and the project is moving along very well," said Rus Higley.



MaST photo

The new Giant Pacific Octopus that is at the MaST Center Aquarium

ley.

This process cleans the bones of flesh, oil, and the horrid smell. During this quarter the MaST staff hopes to have this process

over with and to move on to the next step.

The final step is to move all the bones to an open warehouse and finish the cleaning process.

Then piece together all the bones and hang them in the MaST center.

The MaST center has a new Giant Pacific Octopus in the Aquarium. As of now we are adjusting the Octopus to its new home by keeping it in a dark tank.

"The octopus measures an approximate 3 feet in arm span which is perfect for the space we have available," Higley said.

The MaST center is hosting Science on the sound seminars since it is now functional.

Fritz Stahr, president of the Ocean Inquiry Project, will be at the MaST center on Jan. 22 to discuss how ocean gliders are used to collect data. This is the second Science on the Sound of Winter Quarter.

"Thanks for all your support of the MaST Center. We have had over 10,000 visitors to the MaST this in 2010. It is something we should all be proud of," Higley said.

For more information and directions to the MaST center visit mast.highline.edu.



News Briefs

Volunteer to help feed the needy

Northwest Harvest, the LDS cannery and the South King County Food Coalition are pleased to be working in co-operation to help can food for hungry children and families in Washington State. Northwest Harvest is providing the food, the LDS cannery is providing

the equipment, cans, boxes and labels, you are providing the labor. To volunteer, contact Basil Weiner at 206-579-6886 or southking@firstrvest.org

Writing Center is now open for business

The Writing Center opened last week and is ready for students. The center hosts writing workshops throughout the quarter.

Student writing consultants engage in peer conversations to mentor students so they complete their assignments.

The writing centers strategy is to help improve the full range of students writing abilities, though the mentors do not edit

the students work.

The center is located in Building 26, room 319i. They are open Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Academic Achievement Awards have arrived

The Academic Achievement Award applications for Spring Quarter are now available for students to pick up.

This program is offering 15 full time tuition waivers to students with a 3.5 or better cumulative GPA.

Students can pick up from Brit Exworthy in Building 25

on the 6th floor. The odds of a student receiving the scholarship are 1 in 3 and the application is due by Thursday Feb. 10.

Forensics finds Science Seminar

Amelia Philips will be discussing Digital Forensics in the Clouds at this week's Science Seminar. The seminar is on Friday, Jan. 14 in Building 3, room 102, from 2:20 to 3:10 p.m.

Correction

A story In the Dec. 2 issue should have said Debrena Gandy has a minor in marketing

Start planning your transfer now

College Transfer Fair

The Transfer Fair is YOUR opportunity to meet with Admissions Representatives from over 20 colleges and universities.

This is a great place to explore your options!

Wednesday, January 26
10AM-1PM
Building 8, First Floor

For a list of schools in attendance go to:
<http://www.highline.edu/stuserv/transfer>

Writing assignments hanging over your head?
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not just better papers.

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Enrollment leads to long lines

**By HUSSAIN RIZVI
and MALLORY MURRAY**
Staff Reporters

Highline students reported long lines and lack of parking during the first week of the quarter. Student Brooks Allen said he waited an hour to buy a textbook for one of his classes.

"I don't really want to go back to get more books for my other class anytime soon, I might wait a week till the lines are shorter," Allen said.

Highline student Gurit Kharbanda said, "I waited half an hour to buy a scantron."

"The registration line was absurd. I had to wait for almost an hour just to turn in an add slip form, it was very frustrating," said Kaycie Morrison, a freshman at Highline.

The long lines are a regular feature of the start of every quarter, but were especially long last week because of high enrollment.

Highline has 8,229 students to start Winter Quarter, up about 2,000 from the start of Winter Quarter 2009.

"One reason the college is busy because of the high enrollment," said Tonya Benton, Institutional Research director for the college.

"By the end of the quarter, numbers of the students are expected to be 10,500," she said.

This leads to crowding at several places on campus.

"The bookstore, computer lab, and Building 6 are packed with long lines," student Alexas Solis said.

Solis also said the parking lots are packed as always.

"I never find parking close to my class, I always have to go all the way down to the parking lot by the exit and park my car there," Solis said. "It's amazing how many cars there are in the parking lot in the morning."

"The busiest times in the



Alisa Gramann/THUNDWORD

Highline students wait at the Bookstore in long lines to pick up books for class.

parking lots are from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.," said Richard Noyer, the supervisor of Campus Safety.

Highline student Alison Baluca said her first class starts at 9 a.m. but in order to get parking, she gets here at 8 a.m.

"I hate waking up early and getting here an hour early each day," Baluca said.

"I live about 45 minutes away from Highline but I have to leave even earlier because of how busy and full the parking lots are by the time I get to school. Looking for a parking spot has made me late on multiple occasions," said Alex Becker, a sophomore at Highline.

"The lines are crazy to pay for a parking pass, buy books and pay for picture ID," student Emily Semchuk said.

Campus employees say that many students don't seem to plan ahead.

Everyone waits until the

first day of school to get books," said bookstore worker Raichel Buxton.

Buxton said the bookstore is doing its best to help reduce long lines by hiring more workers. She said the bookstore normally has two cashiers, but because of the heavy traffic of students, the bookstore has six cashiers at the beginning of each quarter.

"The long lines seem to end after the first week of the quarter," she said.

She says the alternative to avoiding the long lines in the bookstore is to come a week early to buy the books.

Student Raelena Nieveso bought her books online so she didn't have to wait for the new shipment for her books to come in, nor did she have to go search for books and stand in line at the bookstore.

Ordering books online can save you money by getting the

used books before they run out in the bookstore, said Nieveso. Getting the books right away when you get to the bookstore and avoid waiting in line is one of the advantages of ordering online.

Highline computer science professor Ronald C. Davidson said the best time to buy books, talk to an advisor, find parking, or contact most campus workers is when the students are still in bed early in the morning, around eight.

If you just want less people in lines, the best time is in the afternoon when most of the classes start and the students are in classes, said Davidson.

Not everyone minds the wait, however.

Highline student Brooks Allen said, "Standing in lines can be a good thing."

Allen says he gets to meet new people while he stands in line.

King Week returns with historical perspective

By GERSOM TESFAYE
Staff Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr. week returns to Highline from Jan. 18-21 with a focus on the words of the late Civil Rights leader.

"This year we added some programs on the history of Dr. King, because we found that many students didn't know who he was," said Natasha Burrowes, the assistant director of Student Programs, who is in her seventh consecutive year running MLK week.

Every year has its individual theme and this year it is "Fear



and Logic in a Post-Civil Rights Era."

Burrowes said widespread support on campus is what has led to the success of this event.

"The event has been so successful because of the campus

wide support from faculty, staff and students. The funds of the week have come from the Services & Activities fee, which have been allocated by Student Government. If we didn't have that partnership we wouldn't have this week," she said.

"I think it's important for us to keep the legacy of MLK and the work of civil rights moving forward and continue to evolve into a community that supports social justice, equality and peace," said Burrowes.

MLK Week events will take place in Building 7 unless otherwise indicated in the schedule

below:

• Tuesday, Jan. 18

"Racial Politics of MLK," lecture by Dr. Jared Ball, Morgan State University, 9-9:50 a.m.

"Boondocks and Social Justice," lecture by Dr. Jared Ball, 9-9:50 a.m.

• Wednesday, Jan. 19

"Empowering Ourselves for Positive Change," lecture by former state legislator Velma Veloria, 9-9:50 a.m.

"America: A Culture of Fear?" a discussion led by Highline student Shaquita Pressley, speaker of the caucuses, 2-3 p.m.

in Building 8.

• Thursday, Jan. 20

"Education for Democracy: School Reform and the Legacy of Martin Luther King," lecture by Dr. Bill Ayers, professor of education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, 11-11:50 a.m. in Building 8.

9500 Liberty, film review and discussion, 1-3 p.m.

• Friday, Jan. 21

"Reclaiming Martin Luther King's Vision of Social and Economic Justice," lecture by Dr. Michael Honey, University of Washington-Tacoma, 10-10:50 a.m.

International Student Programs puts on skates

By RAINY HUANG
Staff Reporter

Highline's International Student Programs is now promoting an ice-skating outing at Kent Valley Ice Center on Friday, Jan. 15 from 1-4 p.m., and the cost is \$12 per person.

International Student Programs serves mostly for international students, and is a program to help them join as many activities as possible, and explore American culture and society.

Besides ice-skating for three hours in the afternoon, students can play pool as well. The ice center also provides food, hot coffee, and hot chocolate.

To join this activity, go to the International Student Programs office on the fifth floor of the library and sign up at the front desk.

A bus is also being provided for students who are unable to drive, which will meet at Building 6 at 1 p.m. on the day of the event.

"We welcome students and their friends and even families to join our activity. Students here constantly misunderstand that International Student Program only serves for international students, but we also welcome local students," said Leewan Li, who is a social event coordinator for the International Student Program.

"In fact, we wish more local students can join us, so that students can have more fun and learn more under a multicultural atmosphere," Li said.

International Student Programs officials say that 20 people signed up for the event in its first two days.

Editorial comment

Let your voice be heard

The time is now for Highline students to let their voices be heard. A rally is being held to give you the platform to express your concerns about higher educational fees and the needs of the students and faculty.

On Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011 noon - 5 p.m. the Olympia Rally will take place. Transportation will be provided from Highline. Sign up before Jan. 27 and receive a free t-shirt.

"Let Your Voice Be Heard!" is the theme of this year's rally to Olympia, where 34 Washington colleges will gather to express their concerns about higher education with legislators.

During this legislative session, it would be beneficial to make an appearance as representatives of Highline if you have issues that affect your education. A charter bus will be provided for those who lack the ability to make it there any other way. The trip with your fellow student body on the charter bus will offer a sense of togetherness among the attendees. Student Government Vice President Victor Dominguez believes that this rally will raise legislative awareness and give a forum for Highline students to share their testimonies about their experience at Highline.

The entire country is feeling the crunch of the big black boot of recession coming down hard. School is the foundation at which to build a career on, making education paramount to the future social economic growth and development of the future generations in this country.

In order to move effectively into a bright future with intelligence, tuition has to be affordable and classes more accessible. If this is an important topic to in a student's life, exercise your right to be heard.

Advice for new students

We are taught from a young age that we can be anything we want to be. While this is true, we tend to forget that success walks hand-in-hand with effort and hard work.

When entering college, this becomes extremely important to remember. College classes give more information in less time than a high school class, and following the trend of education, each successive class is more difficult.

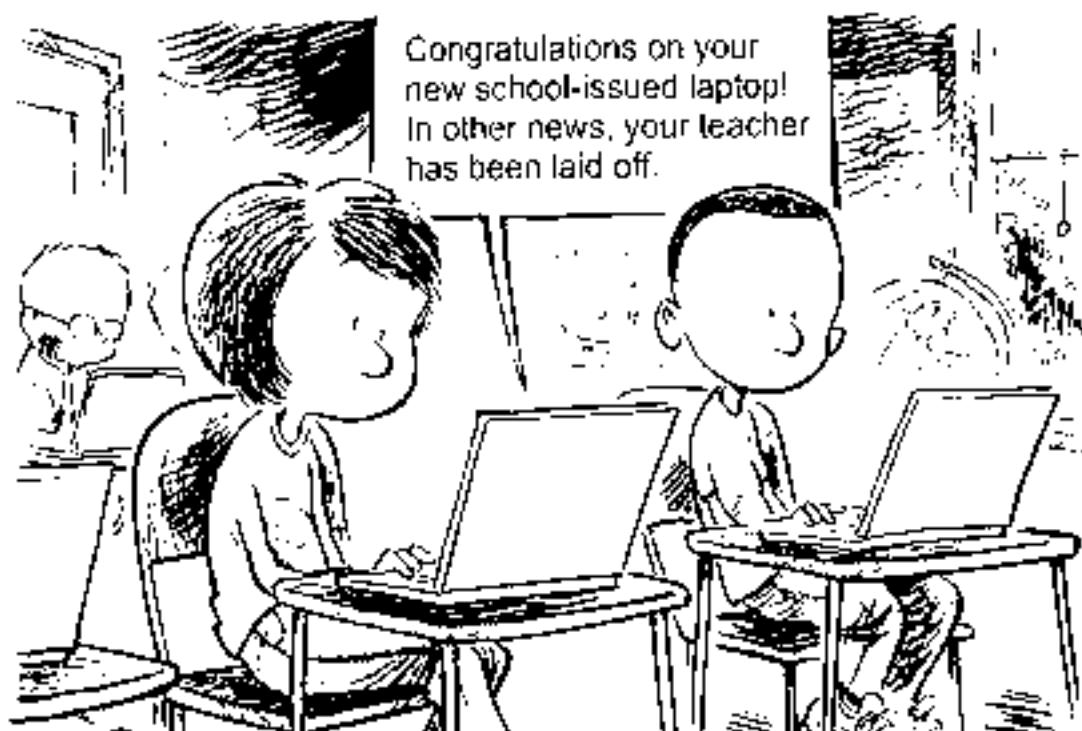
Colleges get thousands of applications, and they cannot accept each and every person, which means that people who don't care don't get in. Failed classes and bad grades can haunt you forever, but if you are willing to exert some effort and ask for help when it's needed, bad grades won't be a problem. Too many students buy into the fallacy that asking for help makes them look stupid. But when someone asks for help, it shows that they take things seriously and that want to excel.

It really isn't that hard to excel. One of the most important factors in doing well is the oft-repeated mantra, "show up to class." No one can learn if he or she isn't in class. If missing class is unavoidable, contact the instructor before hand—out of courtesy, and also to find out what is going to be covered in class.

No one would just skip work for a day, so why is college any different?

The habits formed during a student's time at college will inevitably stick with them throughout the rest of his or her life. Not only through the rest of their schooling, but also into the work place.

When someone gets into the habit of just skating by in school, they will do only the bare minimum at work. The people who work hard are those who go above and beyond what is expected — are the ones who get rewarded. If we really, truly want something, we will sacrifice anything and do anything to get it. When it comes to what we want to do with our lives, the sacrifices we make and the things we do to excel in school are crucial to our success.



Get involved in your college

Become more involved, Highline.

There is a bland feeling in the atmosphere at Highline when it comes to students being more involved within the culture of the school.

During our high school years we all supported our schools and were proud to do so even though they may have sucked in sports or were not one of the larger popular schools. On the surface it appears that the students at Highline are not fully aware that they have a lot to be proud of here. Hardworking competitive athletes, socially conscious activism, teachers who are willing to put in the extra time with students so that there will be no excuse to not achieve academic excellence. Get involved with your campus

Student Danyelle Grayer said, "This school is boring. It seems that everyone is to themselves."

Grayer is a transfer student from Bellevue college who came to Highline to play basketball. In her opinion the Lady Thunderbirds would play with a great deal more of enthusiasm and intensity if people came out to join the support of the team.

The ladies are good, but if the support was stronger the atmosphere would change the whole vibe. The games are a fun, cheap place to take a date or family out to be more involved with the Highline community.



Commentary
Michael
McDonald Jr.

Those women are awesome to watch.

"We would be more amped if more people came out to root us on," Grayer said. She also believes that Bellevue is a more popular college to attend because it has more activities.

If sports is not your thing, the arts may be.

Drama Professor Debra Pralle says, "Art changes lives and theater tells stories of peoples' lives in a way that is immediate, thought provoking and (hopefully) straight-up entertaining. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience." Get involved in the Highline theater.

The Environmental Club promotes environmental activism, education and service on campus and in the community. Meetings are Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m., Building 3, room 103.

The Highline Volunteer Association is for those people who possess the unselfish passion to help others by volunteering their time. Meetings are Mondays, 2 p.m. in Building 3, room 103.

The Pacific Islander Club reaches out to those who need help and to promote the culture

of the island on campus and our community. Meetings are Tuesdays and Fridays, 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union.

Get involved. The Center for Leadership and Service, where the Student Government is located on the top floor of Building 8, oversees the activities funding through the Service & Activities Budget Committee. Ten percent of student fees go to activities ranging from athletics to the Thunderword.

This center is the springboard to leadership and action. For those who wish to do their part and start a club or organization for the better growth and development of the campus and community the Center for Leadership and Service, have motivated staff to assist students in starting clubs on campus.

Get involved. There are many campus-related events throughout the year to attend. There are several student clubs and organizations that hold weekly meetings for all to attend. The Black Student Union is planning a spring break dance and hip hop concert in the future for Highline.

Every variety of individual carries their own uniquely awesome trait. Find it and cultivate it as a proud student of Highline. This is your source this is your time, this is your school. Get involved.

Michael has a plan, and it includes you.

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"I'm angry and a jackass."

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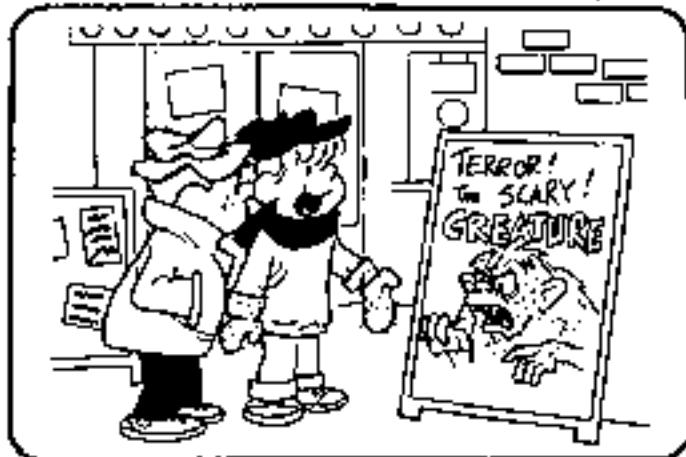
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Today's sign is missing. 2. Scarf is back. 3. Boy has a hat. 4. More blocks are on wall. 5. Poster names are different. 6. Boy's pants are not plaid.

MAGIC MAZE • REMOVE IT

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D R A C S I D K R G E O O G T
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C A Y X E T A T U P M A W X P
V T E S A R E T A V A C X E U

Link the listed words in the diagram. They can go all directions—forward, backward, left, down and diagonally.

Abolish	Delete	Expunge	Take down
Amputate	Discard	Revoke	Uproot
Carry off	Erase	Rub out	Withdraw
Cross out	Excavate	Strike out	

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Tristle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given—that is, from left to right and top to bottom; use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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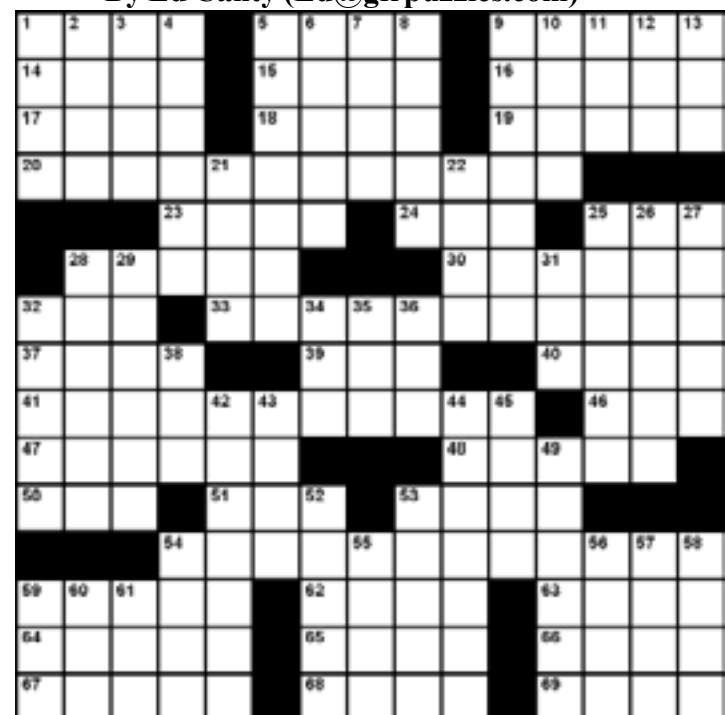
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty (Ed@gfrpuzzles.com)



50's Warblers

Across

- Avis rentals
- Common street name
- Stun
- Actor Baldwin
- Glow
- Fields of comedy
- Jay of TV
- Nutritional info
- Illegal firing
- "All The Way" warbler
- "See ya!"
- Hilo garland
- A.A.R.P. members
- Flashlight power source
- Crown covering
- New Deal initis.
- "When I Fall in Love" warbler
- Turkish river
- Go public with
- Elder, e.g.
- "Rags to Riches" warbler
- Suffix with differ
- Chef Lagasse
- Raise
- Leaky tire sound
- Conducted
- Corker and Boxer: Abbr.
- "Heartbreak Hotel" warbler
- Doctrine
- Give a darn
- Bill Walton's sch.
- Hem again
- Baseball stats
- Gouda alternative
- Early years
- Computer info
- IDs on IRS forms

Down

- Young seal
- Yankee, for one
- Sofer of "Melrose Place"
- Wall bracket

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- Sicilian white wine
- Sound
- Tehran's locale
- Like some sprays
- Gazing fixedly
- Jewish wedding dance
- Tiebreakers, briefly
- A.F.L.'s partner
- Barbie's beau
- Pottery oven
- High schooler
- Campfire treats
- Soften
- Winter driving hazard
- PC inserts
- Whooping birds
- Be in a cast
- Destinies
- Summer shade
- Relative
- Fury
- Neighbor of Isr.
- Puffs of smoke
- Map abbr.
- St. ___ of Avila
- Muscle quality

Quotable Quote

I want to do a musical movie. Like Evita, but with good music.

• Elton John



test by **Fifi**
Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What was O. Henry's real name?

2. RELIGION: What was the Holy Grail?

3. MOVIES: How many best-actor Oscar nominations did Spencer Tracy receive in his career?

4. GOVERNMENT: What are the two houses of the British Parliament called?

5. ANATOMY: What part of the human body does the disorder lumbago usually strike?

6. GEOGRAPHY: What U.S. state lies west of Texas?

7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: During which president's administration did Henry Kissinger become secre-

tary of state?

8. MUSIC: For which war was the song *Over There* written?

9. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented by doraphobia?

10. HISTORY: When did Andrei Sakharov win the Nobel Peace Prize?

10. 1975

9. A fear of fur

8. World War I

7. Richard Nixon

6. New Mexico

5. The back

mons

4. The House of Lords

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2. A vessel used by Je-

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1. William Sydney Por-

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1. Sydney Porte

2. Last Supper

3. Jesus

4. House of Lords

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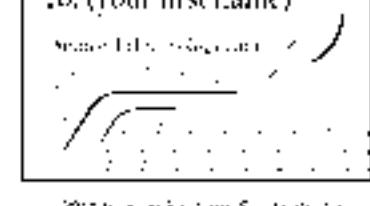
9. link182

10. (your first name)

top ten

MOST COMMON PASSWORDS

- password
- 123456
- qwerty
- abc123
- letmein
- monkey
- myspacel
- password1
- link182
- (your first name)



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Highline wrestlers hitting stride at right time

After close loss
to Clackamas,
Highline has
won 3 straight

By RICHARD MEIER
Staff Reporter

The men's wrestling team is hitting its stride after letting a match slip against top-ranked Clackamas.

The Thunderbird wrestlers fell to top-ranked Clackamas in a close match early in December, but since have resiliently bounced back, throttling their three last opponents.

Highline squared off against Clackamas on Dec. 4, in Portland, Ore. in the Clackamas Dual. Highline fell to the top-ranked wrestling program in the country 21-18.

Highline's 149-pound All-American Jason Gray pinned Clackamas's Kaleb Cook in 4:57.

Transfer student Eric Jones had a strong showing against Clackamas in the 157 weight class defeating Billy Goldsberry in a 6-2 decision. Highline also was the victor in two more matches when Highline's 197-pound Daren Faber pinned Clackamas's Jordan Krich in 3:31 and Highline's Steven Romero received the win by way of forfeit.

The Highline wrestlers were susceptible to several mental mistakes and let one slip away, said Head Coach Scott Norton.

"We had a real chance to beat Clackamas," he said. "There were three matches that could have gone in our favor. We made some mental mistakes and some guys who we counted on winning got pinned or made a mistake."

However, letting one slip through their grasp to Clackamas may have been a good



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Highline's Daren Faber dominates Pacific's Ron Neu.

thing for the wrestling team. Given the fact that the both the coaching staff and team itself believe they lost the match and Clackamas didn't win it, it has led to more focus during practice and more intense training.

"If anything we've strengthened our team [since Clackamas] based on how we've competed," Norton said. "I'd definitely say we're a team that other teams are keeping their eye on. If we get on a roll we definitely have a chance to go far."

Highline's first chance to redeem itself after falling to Clackamas came against Southwest Oregon in the SOCC Dual on Dec. 10.

Highline bounced back with ease, crushing the men from Oregon 32-6.

Highline wrestlers won eight of the 10 matches.

Highline followed its victory over Southwest Oregon the following day when they faced Pacific University Dec. 11 in Forest Grove, Ore.

Highline repeated its performance against Southwest Oregon, defeating Pacific 24-9.

The men were led by decisive wins by Jason Gray, who

defeated Devan Silva by fall; Eric Jones, who defeated Kody Kramer in a 9-0 decision; Casey Park (174), in a 3-2 decision; Caleb Padgett (184), in a 8-2 decision, and Daren Faber, who defeated Pacific's Ron Neu, 8-1. Highline also scored two victories by forfeit.

Highline had a 28-day break until its next meet and the coaching staff and team made sure to utilize its time off.

"[Coach] Norton has a good cardio workout and the weather is the only thing that stops us from doing our cardio," 125-pound Jason Romero said. "When we run we usually two or three miles at a time, but he does a good job of mixing it up from just running by throwing in 200 sprints to help us gain stamina and explosion on the mat. Also to better myself I like to try and workout for a half an hour when I have free time between school and wrestling."

However, cardio and endurance is only one half of Highline's training regimen.

"We have a lot of guys who can do everything. So we drill different moves and our put into groups with guys who are a few weight classes higher than us,"

he said. "It's good to split into groups because we get guys with different skills, some guys who are stronger and others who are faster. Our group drills definitely help improve everyone's skills."

In addition to preparing themselves physically, All-American Jason Gray has given his teammates a steady reminder as to the importance of nutrition.

"I know a lot of guys keep up on the nutrition and take vitamins but a lot of guys have been off and on nutrition, so I've had to talk to them. One minute they are on and others they aren't and it shows," Gray said. "You can tell when guys aren't at their best so it's important to stay consistent with our nutrition."

Following the time off, Pacific was given the opportunity to seek revenge against Highline when they faced off for a rematch at home on Jan. 8.

However, Highline once again proved to be too much for the men from Pacific, defeating them again 35-14.

Highline once again was fueled by wins from Steven Romero, Tyler Wooding, Shaun Olvaris, Jason Gray, Eric Jones, and Daren Faber.

Highline currently sits in fourth place in the NWAACCs and 16th in NJCAA national rankings, but the wrestlers are optimistic that their best is ahead of them.

"I think that the whole season we've had a really competitive team. Last year we had three All-Americans and this year we only have one, but we do have a few former [high school] state champions," Jason Gray said.

"At the beginning the new guys didn't really believe in themselves but now they are starting to believe in themselves. If they can do that as the season goes on and we have a real chance for a national title," he said.

Even through Gray's optimism, he still understands the importance of remaining hungry and putting forth the hard work and dedication required to contend for a national title and he has tried to instill that into his teammates.

"I pretty much am expecting the team to come to practice every day and keep up the intensity and keep working hard. Keeping up intensity, working hard and maintaining our nutrition is the most important things," he said.

"I pretty much have the mentality to never give up and I try and tell my guys the same thing. I've pretty much told them to have the mentality to pull through anything and get the win" Gray continued. "I tell them not to get down on themselves and give it their all. A match is only a few minutes long so we have to never give up and keep working hard no matter what happens."

Coach Norton is adamant in preaching to his team the importance of constantly working hard and having faith in themselves moving forward. The talent is there and the pieces in place but they have to believe in each other and more importantly in themselves, he said.

"We got all our starters through [finals week], so now we just need to focus on working hard and get ready for nationals. The duals are nice practice and a measure of where we are but it's in preparation for nationals," Norton said. "Our main focus is to believe that we're the best. Once we start believing that we're the best then we can seriously compete for nationals. Right now we have three or four guys that can do that if they get their minds right and prepare right."

The Highline men's wrestling team next competes at home on Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the NIC Dual where they host North Idaho.



Highline's Theo McClean-Burrell locks up Pacific's Bruce Balcita.

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Lady Thunderbirds show signs of improvement

Lady T-birds' 2-0 record in league lands them in second

By JOSHUA HART
Staff Reporter

The Highline's women's basketball team currently sits with a 2-0 record in league play and a 6-6 record overall.

After finishing with a 9-7 record in league play last year the team felt they could improve on that this year, especially with a team comprised mainly of sophomores.

"We felt we could compete for a league championship and place at the NWAACC tournament," Head Women's Basketball Coach Amber Rowe Mosley said.

The team started off the season with a loss, 51-49, against the No. 1-ranked team in the NWAACC Horizon Air Polls, Columbia Basin.

Highline had a tough pre-season schedule that pitted them against several ranked teams while competing in three tournaments.

Preseason tournaments help them prepare for the mindset of the postseason NWAACC tournament, Rowe Mosley said. In the NWAACC tournament, teams play for four days and they must win three of them. The preseason tournaments are very similar.

Their first tournament was a long trip to Clackamas, a city just south of Portland, to play in the Clackamas Thanksgiving Invite. The tournament started Nov. 26. Highline won the first and lost the next two in this tournament.



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Highline's Dani Carlman, left, initiates the offense while being guarded by South Puget Sound's Christiane Croy, center.

In their first game they beat Whatcom by seven points, 73-66. They had a lot of help from sophomore forward Jocelyn Jones. She put up 17 points, shooting above 50 percent from the field to go along with five rebounds and four assists.

Highline then lost to the host and No. 2-ranked Clackamas, 83-51.

They also lost their last game of the Invite, 79-50, to No. 9 Southwest Oregon.

Good things came from the two losses though. "These games will be priceless when we get to postseason play," said Rowe Mosley.

Their next tournament was the Bellevue Bulldog Classic, a much shorter trip than their previous tournament. The Classic took place from Dec. 3-5. They

took third place by winning two of three games.

Their first game of the Classic they blew out Everett 80-44, thanks to sophomore guard Carol Howard. She had 15 points, shooting 60 percent from the field including three 3-pointers. Howard also contributed seven rebounds.

They then lost to No. 6 Spokane in a low scoring duel, 46-38.

They took third place in the tourney by beating Big Bend 77-64, led by 70 percent shooting from Jocelyn Jones.

Rowe Mosley said Highline is a very good team but just haven't been able to get over the hump.

Their last preseason tournament would be in Salem, Ore. to play in the Chemeketa Holiday

Tournament. Tournament play began on Dec. 28. They faced two ranked teams and a division opponent. They lost two of the games.

In their first game against number one ranked Columbia Basin, they lost, 61-52. They had strong play Carol Howard who put up 22 points and six boards.

They then went on to beat division opponent Clark 59-54, with another strong effort from Carol Howard, who had 17 points, six rebounds.

They lost their last game of the tourney, also their last game of preseason, in a nail-biter to No. 5 Lane 71-67.

Even though they lost, the team felt inspired about what the close games mean to them when they reach the postseason,

Rowe Mosley said. The pre-season had them hungry to roll through league and hang up a banner.

Preseason does mean a lot, but every game counts in league. "League games count and you cannot afford to lose even 1 if you want to win the title," Rowe Mosley said.

Highline also feels like it has a strong home court advantage. Rowe Mosley said teams generally don't shoot well in Highline's gym because it is larger than most gyms.

Highline came out strong in their first game of regular season on Jan. 3 with a landslide victory over South Puget Sound, 64-32. South Puget Sound only had five players though so they expected a win. The way they played disappointed Rowe Mosley though.

"We have to have much better focus throughout league play if we want to win a championship. I am less concerned about margin of victory but very concerned with our level of play and I was not happy with our play on Monday," Rowe Mosley said.

Highline took a three-hour ride on Jan. 8 to Vancouver, Wash. to play Clark in their first road game of league play. Led by an outstanding night from Carol Howard, who had 20 points, eight rebounds, and three steals, they brought home a victory, 61-49.

They also beat Clark in pre-season by five, but they still felt they could do better according to Rowe Mosley.

Highline played Green River at home on Jan. 10, but results are currently unavailable.

The Lady T-Birds goes on the road to face Lower Columbia on Jan. 15 and then travels to play Pierce in another road game on Jan. 19.

The Scoreboard

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTH		W-L		PCT		W-L		WEST	
		W	L			W	L		
Peninsula		2-0	1.000	7-4		Tacoma	3-0	1.000	10-2
Skagit Valley		2-0	1.000	4-7		Highline	2-0	1.000	9-2
Whatcom		1-0	1.000	9-1		Centralia	2-1	.667	5-6
Bellevue		1-1	.500	6-5		Green River	2-1	.667	7-4
Everett		1-1	.500	1-8		Lower Columbia	2-1	.667	9-3
Seattle		1-1	.500	2-1		Clark	2-1	.333	7-5
Shoreline		0-1	.000	7-4		Pierce	0-2	.000	7-5
Edmonds		0-2	.000	2-8		S. Puget Sound	0-2	.000	2-8
Olympic		0-2	.000	1-8		Grays Harbor	0-3	.000	0-9
Blue Mountain	EAST	1-0	1.000	2-9		Clackamas	1-0	1.000	9-3
Columbia Basin		1-0	1.000	4-8		Linn-Benton	1-0	1.000	4-7
Spokane		1-0	1.000	9-4		Portland	1-0	1.000	6-5
Wenatchee Valley		1-0	1.000	7-4		Umpqua	1-0	1.000	5-9
Big Bend		0-1	.000	8-4		Chemeketa	0-1	.000	5-7
Treasure Valley		0-1	.000	4-6		Lane	0-1	.000	5-7
Walla Walla		0-1	.000	7-5		Mt. Hood	0-1	.000	7-5
Yakima Valley		0-1	.000	7-5		SW Oregon	0-1	.000	5-8

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Skagit Valley		2-0	1.000	9-3		Highline	2-0	1.000	6-6
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Edmonds		1-1	.500	5-5		Clark	2-1	.667	4-7
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Seattle		0-2	.000	1-9		S. Puget Sound	0-2	.000	0-9
Olympic		0-2	.000	3-7		Grays Harbor	0-3	.000	1-9
Blue Mountain	EAST	1-0	1.000	9-4		Clackamas	1-0	1.000	11-1
Columbia Basin		1-0	1.000	12-0		Lane	1-0	1.000	11-2
Spokane		1-0	1.000	11-2		Mt. Hood	1-0	1.000	5-8
Yakima Valley		1-0	1.000	9-3		Umpqua	1-0	1.000	10-3
Big Bend		0-1	.000	7-6		Chemeketa	0-1	.000	7-5
Treasure Valley		0-1	.000	3-8		Linn-Benton	0-1	.000	2-9
Walla Walla		0-1	.000	7-6		Portland	0-1	.000	4-8
Yakima Valley		0-1	.000	9-3		SW Oregon	0-1	.000	10-3

Thunderbirds soar to No. 5 ranking

By WILLIAM BROKAW
Staff Reporter

The No. 5 ranked Highline men's basketball team got off to a slow start this season losing two of its first three games. But the men quickly regained their footing having since won eight consecutive games to take their once 1-2 record to 9-2.

Most recently to open up league play Highline defeated South Puget Sound and Clark last week to give them a 2-0 record within league.

The Thunderbird men opened up the season with a victory over South Puget Sound 72-56 Monday, Jan. 3.

Highline's freshman forward Robert Christopher led the team with 19 points. Highline sophomore PJ Bolte added 18 points and was six for six from the free-throw line.

The Thunderbird men followed their win over South Puget Sound with a second consecutive victory in league play defeating Clark on the road, Saturday, Jan. 8.

The Thunderbird got off to a quick start and defeated the Penguins 67-59 to hand Clark its second loss of the season.

"We played pretty hard and competed well. We played smarter and with more discipline as the game went on," said Highline Head Coach Che Dawson. "We were cohesive and stayed focused on the mission."

Dawson was happy about the result but said, "We need more discipline on both ends of the floor."

Looking forward to this year's division, the T-Birds know it's going to be a challenge, Dawson said.

"Our division is ridiculously tough. It will be a dogfight. The teams that stay the most consistently focused will have the most success. We have every ability to be that team if we want to commit to it," said



Head Coach Che Dawson



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Highline's Stephen Reinhart goes for a layup against South Puget Sound's Marc Taylor.

Dawson.

Highline has been very successful so far this season.

The Thunderbirds played in two tournaments in the pre-season.

Their first tournament was the North Idaho/Spokane Community College tournament, which took place Dec. 3-5.

The Thunderbirds blew out Edmonds 81-41 in their first game of the tournament.

It was a balanced team effort with the leading scorer PJ Bolte having only 14 points.

The Thunderbirds followed their blowout win over Edmonds with a game against North Idaho.

The Thunderbirds weren't as successful however against North Idaho suffering their first loss of the season came at the hands of the No. 1-ranked team in the country falling 67-52.

The Thunderbirds looked to regain their footing the following day against crosstown rivals Green River.

The game was a tough back-and-forth battle going all the way into double overtime, where the Gators of Green River edged out the Thunderbirds, 83-79.

Thunderbird freshman guard Ira Haywood led the way with 29 points.

Since losing the double overtime thriller to Green River, the Thunderbirds have since gone undefeated in its last eight games.

Highline played Yakima at home on Dec. 9, beating the Yaks 81-76.

Freshman guard Travis Miller led the team with 29 points.

The Thunderbirds next competed in the Shoreline Cross-over Tournament, Dec. 17-19.

The Thunderbirds again beat Yakima 70-58 following wins over Shoreline 73-71 and Pierce 64-52.

Sophomore forward PJ Bolte led the team with 14 points on Dec. 22 to beat Bellevue 59-52.

The Thunderbirds finished their pre-season off with a victory over then top-ranked Whatcom on Dec. 30 winning 84-83 in overtime.

"We have already had some grinders. We played the No. 1 team in the country at North Idaho College. The next day we lost a tough double overtime game. We won a game against Shoreline in their tournament on a basket with two seconds left. Our game against Bellevue wasn't decided until the last couple of minutes," said Dawson.

"We beat then No. 1 Whatcom at their place by 1 in over-

time. Our two league games have not been easy. Exactly the kind of tough games we want."

Highline is doing well but recognizes that there is still room for improvement.

"We are winning games and dealing with adversity well for the most part. We need more defensive discipline and are still nowhere as offensively efficient as we need to be," said Dawson.

The Thunderbirds played Green River Wednesday, Jan. 12, with results unavailable at press time.

Lower Columbia will host Highline Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

The Red Devils currently sit in fifth place with a 2-1 league record and 9-3 overall season record.

Highline's next match-up will be against 0-2 Pierce on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Drama will be doing the waltz this quarter

By BRYANNA ROBBINS
Staff Reporter

The *Texarkana Waltz* is dancing its way into Highline's Drama Department.

"If this play were a recipe it would be a one fourth cup of Hamlet, a gallon of blood, three singing cowboys, and a healthy dash of country music," said Debra Pralle, a drama professor and director of the winter production.

After not getting a chance to perform in *The Texarkana Waltz* 10 years ago at the Empty Space Theatre, Pralle now has the opportunity to bring it to life for Highline.

On Jan. 5 and 6, 18 people auditioned for the show.

Some individuals, determined to be in the play, brought a two minute monologue of the

play to show they were ready for it.

"I'm excited to see where the students begin and end as actors," Pralle said about casting.

In the original script, the production only needed nine actors, but Pralle worked around the script to open 15 positions for the winter production.

Those spots were taken by not only new individuals to Highline's drama department, but returnees.

Zach Gunther, Matthew Johnson, Deena Chapman, Amanda Rose, and more of the cast from the Fall 2010 production of *The Adding Machine* wanted to perform the Waltz.

The Texarkana Waltz also got a visit from the playwright, Louis Broome, on Jan. 10 and 12.

Portions of the script were

written in verse, so he wanted the actors to know how to approach the style of speech.

From day one, the actors will be learning to speak in an Oklahoma accent the entire time they are rehearsing, Pralle said.

She grew up in Oklahoma, so she knows the accent best.

The show will also feature things that have never been available to the Drama Department before.

For the first time, Shelby Johnston, a Highline Drama Department student, will design the wardrobe for the entire cast.

Craig Wollan will also light up the stage with starry nights and sunsets the Drama Department has never seen before.

Drama Professor Rick Lorig will return to help build the set.

Since the play has multiple styles of acting, Pralle is con-



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The cast of *The Texarkana Waltz* read through the play with playwright Louis Broome on Monday, Jan. 10.

cerned that the audience won't get the flow. "It's challenging," she said. "If you're not scared of your play, it's not worth doing."

The Texarkana Waltz will be on stage March 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 at 8 p.m. in the Highline Theatre.



Michael Brunk/Breeders Theater

Laura Smith, left, Teresa Widner and Erika Zabelle all try to convince Andrew Smith to give them the role of a lifetime in Casting Call.

Breeders Theater starts 10th season

By KATIE ADAMS
Staff Reporter

Casting Call will open Breeders Theater's 10th season tomorrow at the E.B. Foote Winery in Burien.

Written by Highline professor and Breeders Theater founder T.M. Sell, *Casting Call* takes place at a major theater festival, where three actresses are trying out for the leading role in a production that has been optioned to Hollywood. During the death scene in a play, one of them actually dies. The play explores what happened and "will keep the audience guessing," said Doug Knoop, the director.

"Our performance space is unique in that it's not actually a theater as most people think of them," said Stephen Scheide, one of the actors, and a Highline alumnus.

While at Highline, Scheide took classes from Dr. Christiana Taylor, who helped prepare him for his work in acting.

"Dr. Taylor ran her classes like a conservatory program," he said. "Actors progressed through a series of classes and students were given more opportunities to perform. I still use many of the warm-ups, vocal preparation and script analysis tools I learned from her."

Cast alongside Scheide for this show are Andrew Smith, Laura Smith, Teresa Widner, Ericka Zabelle, and Eric Hartley.

"We have the unique opportunity to have the playwright available to us," Widner said. "He will change things that don't sound right as we work through it, and he will also listen when we think a line could be better. It's a great relationship."

"I've been told often by first time audience members," she said, "that they didn't know what to expect and in the same breath say they've never had so much fun."

Casting Call is multiple plays within a play, which posed a challenge for Widner: the costumes. "Trying to remember what clothes come in the next scene is the biggest challenge," she said. "Once I get the clothes on or see what the other actors are wearing, it helps me figure out which play we are doing next."

Casting Call will run Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22, 26-29, Feb. 2-5 at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.; matinees will be Jan. 16, 23, and 30 at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 1:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the Jan. 26 show will be going to the Highline Foundation Breeders Theater Performing Arts Scholarship.

Tickets for the show are \$20, with the opportunity to taste E.B. Foote wines, and are available at E.B. Foote, 127-B SW 153rd, Burien, 206-242-3852 and CorkyCellars, 22511 Marine View Drive, Des Moines, 206-824-9462.

Author Ann Rule returns to Highline

By KANDI CARLSON
Staff Reporter

Non-fiction writer Ann Rule is coming to Highline Jan. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union.

Rule will be visiting the campus to promote her latest book, *In the Still of the Night* about a mother's quest to find the truth about her daughter's death.

Bookstore manager Laura Nole invited Rule to the campus to discuss her book and answer questions, followed by a book signing.

Rule was the first author to come to mind when Nole decided she was looking to invite a bestselling author to campus.

Nole said that Rule was a first choice because they have known each other for a number of years and she is directly connected to the campus community.

"I first met Ann Rule at the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference back in the 80s. We have since crossed paths many times, so I just called her and invited her to come," Nole said.

Rule is a Highline alumnus and a former Highline Foundation board member.

"She is very giving of her time and committed to the family in her latest book," said Nole.

Her latest book features the story of a mother, Barb Thompson, whose daughter's death was determined to be a suicide in 1998.

Ronda Reynolds died of a gunshot wound in 1998, under



Ann Rule

'Hare' raising photography in the Library gallery



Courtesy of Cliff Hare

Exploration is one piece of Cliff Hare's photography on display in the Highline Library.

By JOSHUA NELSON

Staff Reporter

Pasco photographer Cliff Hare utilizes digital photography and composition as a way to show the complexity of the world and the beauty that lies therein.

The Highline Library is showing a selection of Hare's photography on the 4th floor, and they will remain on display until the end of January.

Students may visit the exhibit from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays; admission is free.

Hare began working with photography at age 15, using a small digital camera to snap photos of things he found interesting.

"Even at this early age I wasn't satisfied with the images as they stood," Hare said.

He then began experimenting with digital editing in order to add more of himself and more personality into his work.

Since discovering the imper-

fection in the pixels of the digital images he was working with, Hare has maintained digital photography and editing as his preferred method of expression.

The exhibit that Hare has set up in the Library is his attempt to show that "...the world is full of beautiful and terrifying places - some of these places exist in the world around us, some exist within ourselves."

This can easily be seen in the section of the exhibit entitled Masks, specifically the image titled Back on Track Again which is Hare's attempt to demonstrate recovering from the destruction of the ego and reacquiring confidence in ones self.

The exhibit is partitioned into three separate sections. The first is called Things I've Seen. This includes compositions of two or more images into one making up a complete new image that presents the viewer an insight into Hare's dreams.

As the viewer moves around the exhibit, they come across the Masks section.

The last section, Hare has called Places I've Been. These

prints are the closest to the raw images that Hare takes at the start of his editing process, and include areas around the globe that Hare deems noteworthy.

Although his more complex prints take up to 12 hours to complete, it is plain to see that Hare takes the utmost care with each of his pieces, pouring as much of himself into the photos as possible.

Hare also has some advice for photographers attempting to break into the business:

"If you're an art photographer, it might be easier to get noticed if you use a medium other than digital. Many galleries are just as interested in process as content, the more unusual or old fashioned the better."

And although Hare still has to work an outside job along with his photography, he strongly encourages those with an interest to get their material out into the world.

For those interested in contacting Hare or in order to view more of his work not featured in the exhibit, visit his website at www.harephoto.com.

Olympic medalist Celski is MAD for filmmaking

By VICTORIA DOM
Staff Reporter

A local company is M.A.D. for the Seattle art scene as they strive to promote a new generation of underground Northwest artists.

M.A.D. Northwest, short for music, art, and dance, is a film production company based in Seattle.

Created by Northwest natives JR Celski, Daniel Torok, and Jeffrey Santos, this newborn company is working with local artists to raise awareness of Seattle's hidden gems.

Best known for his two short-track speed-skating medals in the Vancouver Winter Olympics, Celski was inspired to start the project after his impressive recovery following a gruesome injury at the Olympic Trials.

Celski faced a potentially career-ending accident when he crashed during a race, leaving him with 60 stitches after the blade on his skate cut deep into his left thigh.

Many were skeptical on a timely recovery, however, Celski beat the odds and used his newfound empowerment to unite the three and create M.A.D. Northwest.

Torok and Santos are the company's creative directors.

Celski is using his Olympic sponsorship earnings to invest 50 percent into the company, while Torok and Santos split the

other half, turning their hobbies into a full time job.

They are currently working on a documentary entitled The Otherside, which will focus on the Seattle hip hop scene, while addressing the racial and cultural factors that artists often face.

They hope to complete the documentary this year and enter it in independent film festivals worldwide.

With the release, they hope to get their documentary sold and expose the M.A.D. Northwest name to raise awareness of Seattle's under-rated artists, and eventually improve Washington's economy in the long run.

During his summer internship with the King County Council, Celski learned from a University of Washington economics professor that Seattle's art scene is what could set the city apart, increasing tourism and helping the economy.

The company also works with local independent businesses, such as Goorin Brothers hat makers and Deli clothing boutique, to spread the brand names in and around the state.

As well as filming, the trio plans to host benefit shows and concerts.

Their first event was at the Seattle Children's Hospital where artists performed for the children and their families, aiming to inspire the kids through their stories of overcoming hardship.



Courtesy of M.A.D. Northwest

Daniel Torok films Macklemore in June 2010, with producer Ryan Lewis watching.

As far as where M.A.D. Northwest will head in the future, Celski says it will all depend on the artists who will want to collaborate with the company after their documentary is premiered.

So far, they have worked with Seattle musicians such as Macklemore, Blue Scholars, Grynnch, Vitamin D, Wizard, Fresh Espresso, as well as breakdancing crew Massive Monkees.

The company is also work-

ing toward launching their website, www.madnorthwest.com, where they will post weekly artist spotlights to give them coverage and expose their talent, all the while exposing the M.A.D. Northwest name.

The first artist spotlighted will be Solice Wonder, who is an urban street artist in Seattle.

"What sets Northwest hip hop apart is that it's different, there isn't one characteristic that is the same about everyone," said Celski. "We are us-

ing Seattle hip hop as an example that no matter what the skin color or background, anyone can become successful."

Through the company, the three men say they hope to get attention for the local artists, while supporting and engaging the surrounding businesses, and create something that Seattle can be proud of.

To learn more about M.A.D. Northwest, visit www.madnw.org, or follow them on Twitter @madnw.

Decontaminating the dirty Duwamish

Restoration plans are being put into effect to clean up river

By VICTORIA DOM
Staff Reporter

The fate of the Duwamish River is at stake as restoration plans continue to be made.

The Duwamish River is one of the most industrialized waterways in Washington state and is listed as one of the most harmful waste sites statewide.

The river flows into Elliot Bay from where the Black River once joined the Green River in Tukwila, harboring a multitude of poisonous chemicals.

Federal officials are currently taking comments from the community to decide the actions that will be taken for the river's restoration.

It was placed on the National Priorities List in 2001, also referred to as the Superfund List, making it one of the most contaminated sites in the country.

There are currently 42 different chemicals in the river that have built up over the past 100 years that are trapped in the river's bottom.

"We want to get rid of this 100-year legacy of contamination," said Allison Hiltner, project manager for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Once the pollutants get into the sediments, they stay for years, Hiltner said.

Pollutants in the river include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins, and carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (CPAH).

PCBs are cancer-causing



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The Duwamish River is a home for industry and also for pollution. Local officials are planning the next steps in efforts to clean up the river and surrounding area.

chemicals that were banned in 1970 and were used in materials such as building paint, caulk, and electrical equipment.

"Our orcas have higher PCB levels than all animals worldwide," said BJ Cummings, coordinator for the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition.

Dioxins are byproducts of combustion, and were used in the Vietnam War to deforest areas via a chemical called Agent Orange.

CPAH are found in oils and petroleum products, and are also formed by processes that involve burning and combustion.

People and creatures are being impacted by the pollution and those are reasons to clean the river, said Hiltner. The creatures that live on the river bottom are being affected and as the fish and otters eat the worms and clams in the mud, the pollutants sneak up the food chain.

The fish advisory warns the community not to eat the resident fish and shellfish, except for salmon.

They further recommend that community members eat only two to three meals per week of Coho Pink and Sockeye Salmon, one meal per week of Puget Sound Chinook, and two

meals per month of Resident Chinook, which is also known as Blackmouth salmon.

"The main risk for people by far is from eating the resident fish, not from touching the water or playing on the beach," said Renee Dagseth, the lead outreach coordinator for the EPA.

The restriction of eating the resident fish and shellfish highly impacts the low-income and minority families living in the area, experts say.

The contaminated river harms Puget Sound communities, especially those who depend on it, said Cummings, from the Cleanup Coalition.

"It's going to end up impacting everybody; this is not just about the environment," she said.

The Duwamish, Muckleshoot, and Suquamish Tribes are also being affected, as the river is one of their main resources for obtaining food.

The contamination of the Duwamish is due in major part to the industry along the waterway. The four main parties responsible are The Boeing Co., King County, the Port of Seattle, and the City of Seattle, who are all funding the restoration.

Shipyards, cement plants, and other industries along the waterway are also suspected to be potential responsible parties.

Chemicals in airport runoff, World War II bomber construction, heavy metals in ship paint, arsenic in cement material, oil in stormwater from city streets,

and raw sewage pipes have all contributed to the long-lasting toxic pollution of the river.

An investigation is also in progress to find out who else may be responsible for the pollution, in hopes that they will also contribute to the funding of the cleanup.

"The uncontrolled industrial pollution has built up, and the toxic chemicals are now up to 12 feet deep in the waterway," Cummings said.

Although industry plays a major role in the contamination of the Duwamish; the daily lifestyles of community members are also to blame.

Stormwater runoff from city streets carry oil, grease, fertilizer, and other toxic chemicals that eventually flow into the river through storm drains and overburdened combined sewage overflows.

Along the waterway is a 32 square mile stretch of housing basins, drains, and pipes that channel the stormwater into the river that become an issue as South Seattle's overflowing wastepipes are among the last to be upgraded and controlled, Cummings said.

"Half of an Exxon-Valdez tank worth of pollutants goes into the Puget Sound every two years through the storm drains," she said.

"On rainy days, you can see sediments in Elliot Bay coming from the Duwamish that come



The community is responsible for the pollutants in the Duwamish River that result from recreational boating.

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Students afraid of rising tuition costs

By TAYLOR LUNKA
Staff Reporter

With the possibility of tuition prices rising many students at Highline fear that their education will be put in danger.

The state Legislature, now in session in Olympia, is expected to consider tuition hikes as part of a package to plug a \$4.6 billion revenue gap in its 2010-11 budget.

Several of Highline's students say they don't know if they will be able to continue their education on campus with the rising costs.

Student Nancy McPherson fears what will happen in the future.

"I won't be able to continue my education. This is very frustrating because I want to better myself, but money is stopping me," she said. Also having a daughter in college doesn't make paying for tuition any easier on her either.

Along with McPherson, are many students who say they feel the same way.

"I already work two jobs and I'm a single mom. School is my third job- this would be impossible for me," said Highline student Brooke Best. "How am I going to do that?"

"It makes me feel a little frustrated I have to adjust my life," student Eduard Kalvish said about having to go to work more and attend school less.

While some fear the higher costs will put a stop to their

education, other students worry about how many classes they will be able to afford.

Brittany Clark, a sophomore at Highline, is on the fence about rising tuition.

"It won't put me behind, but if I wanted to take more than two classes every quarter I'd be limited if those changes do happen," she said. Clark has considered working full-time hours and cutting classes she is taking in order to balance her time and checkbook.

Other students wouldn't mind the tuition hike as long as it means getting their education.

"Personally, it wouldn't affect me, I would still pay for it," said first-year student Amanda Yabu. "You have to do what you have to do."

Student Erik Westover agrees. "Tuition is pretty reasonable," he said. He said he would pay at least double or triple of what he pays now to attend Highline if tuition prices do increase.

While some students like Yabu and Westover are fine with prices, students like Charlie Bobo say education prices have gone out of control.

"I don't know why education is so high, it should be free," he said.

Bobo said higher tuition will not only pose a problem for him now, but the high price sticker would continue to be a problem for him after he leaves Highline.

"I'm already crawling and it'll be a burden later on in life,"



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Tim McMannon explains how important Lincoln's election was at a recent History Seminar.

Old elections make modern ones seem calm

By KRISTEN REMETO
Staff Reporter

The elections today are less violent than those in the 19th century. Especially the election of 1861, because it became something to kill about.

Dr. Tim McMannon hosted a recent History Seminar on the 1861 election which set the stage for the American Civil War.

Dr. McMannon talked about Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts giving a speech where he stated that Sen. Andrew Butler had taken a harlot - slavery - as his mistress.

That statement sparked a fight between the senators.

Butler was too old to fight so his relative, Preston Brooks, attacked Sumner with a cane, to show that this attack was from Butler.

The election started a lot of fighting throughout the states.

Candidates would take whatever they knew about their opponent and use it against them. They would use posters, comics, and cartoons; they even published some stories in the newspaper.

Dr. McMannon used some of the cartoons that were drawn during the election. Most of the cartoons supported Lincoln.

The candidates weren't the only people fighting.

At the same time, two new states had been admitted into the union, Kansas and Nebraska. Both were waiting to become either an anti - or pro-slavery state.

People from both the north and south flooded into the new states to vote on making them anti-slavery or pro-slavery. This caused a lot of fighting, mainly in Kansas.

"They refer to this as Bloody Kansas," Dr. McMannon said.

Next week's seminar, Jan. 19 in Building 3, room 102 from 1:30 – 2:20 p.m., will be "The Gospel of Judas." Lonnie Somer, anthropology professor, will be the guest speaker.

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far upstream from the Green River," said Hiltner from the EPA.

The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the State Department of Ecology are now conducting a feasibility study to finalize the cleanup plans.

The feasibility study proposes three different cleanup options: removal, containment, and natural recovery.

Removal of the contaminated sites requires physical removal, known as dredging, of the polluted sediments.

The containment option uses capping to cover the contaminated sediments with clean material, typically using layers of sand, gravel, and rock designed to contain and isolate the pollution.

The natural recovery plan relies on the natural flow of clean

sediments from upriver to cover the contaminated sediments until it builds up.

"Cleaning the river will benefit everyone, including the industries and will attract more people to the area," said EPA's Dagseth.

The cleanup options range in price and time, from four years and \$220 million, to 38 years and \$1.3 billion. If the quicker, cheaper plan is chosen the risk becomes higher that the river will get back to its polluted state, and vice versa, she said.

Seven hotspot areas have also been deemed as early action sites, which will begin to be cleaned before the main restoration plan gets under way.

These areas are the Duwamish/Diagonal Way combined sewer flow and storm drain, the west side of the waterway, Slip 4 located on the east side of the waterway, Boeing Plant 2, Terminal 117 property which was once owned by Malarkey Asphalt, south of Boeing Plant 2, and the Norfolk

Cleanup work at the Duwamish/Diagonal Way and the Norfolk combined sewer overflow sites have both begun, and preparation is currently in progress for Slip 4, Boeing Plant 2, and Terminal 117.

The early action projects are being paid for by the four main parties, and the larger cleanup funding will be based on the study of who was potentially responsible, said Hiltner, project manager for the EPA. The purpose of the study is to find who had contributed to the pollution in the past.

Boeing, King County, the Port of Seattle, and the City of Seattle are all contributing funds to the cleanup of the river.

However, being that King County, the Port of Seattle, and the City of Seattle are all a part of the government, it is the taxpayers that end up paying for much of their share.

A significant part of cleaning the river is controlling the ongoing sources, said Cummings from the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition.

"If you don't control sources you're still going to have a polluted site," she said.

There is a big effort to trace back where the contamination is coming from, Hiltner said.

The Department of Ecology is also working to clean up the contaminated soil, groundwater, stormwater, and to control the drainage basin where greater Seattle and Tukwila drain into the river, she said.

The state of the river depends not only on the city's cleanup efforts, but the actions of the community as well.

"There is a part that all of us can play by using less toxic products, making sure that the oil from our cars doesn't go into the storm drains, and by going to car washes that recycle water rather than letting it drain into the river," said Dagseth, from the EPA.

The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition along with the EPA encourages those in the community to give their opinions on the feasibility study and cleanup alternatives.

Comments can be submitted at www.ldwg.org/fs.aspx until Jan. 14.

Based on the input received, the EPA and State Department of Ecology will develop a Cleanup Action Plan which will be available for public review in 2012.

Another way for the community to get involved is by participating in the restoration event. This is held twice a year to pick up trash and plant trees around the river.

To learn more about these events, visit www.duwamishalive.org.

It is all a matter of spreading the word, getting involved, and becoming an active voice, said Cummings.

For more about the Duwamish River restoration efforts you can visit www.ldwg.org or www.duwamishcleanup.org.

Official EPA fact sheets and documents are also available at www.yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/lduwamish.

By CHRISTINA GRAMLING
and DAVID LUGO
Staff Reporters

AIDS awareness is still the most important part of prevention, said Highline professor Dr. Bob Baugher.

Dr. Baugher has been teaching Understanding AIDS at Highline since 1989.

"On the first day of class [in 1989] there were three students in the classroom," Dr. Baugher said.

Now, on average, 20 or more students are on the waitlist each quarter, he said.

AIDS education is common in the U.S., but the number of new cases continues to grow, while other country's numbers are declining by nearly 25 percent.

Most people in the U.S. know how to protect themselves from HIV by practicing safe sex. However, Dr. Baugher attributed some of the rise due to poor decision making during arousal, which was found in a recent study.

Highline students interviewed on campus were asked if they knew how to protect themselves against HIV and if they had been formally educated about the disease. Nearly every student was aware of prevention measures.

Only one student had not learned about AIDS in a classroom. He was home-schooled in the U.S.; however he expressed a clear knowledge of the issue and how to protect himself.

A group of Korean students also said they were not formally educated in Korea, but since they had lived in the U.S. they



Prevention remains the key to the disease, experts say

had been.

Students from Somalia and Kenya said they had extensive HIV education in their countries of origin.

Unfortunately education was minimal in the early '80s because the threat was not yet known. Doctors were puzzled by the disease.

In July of 1981 the Centers for Disease Control reported that AIDS was not a threat to heterosexuals since all known cases at the time were of gay men.

As reports of intravenous drug users contracting HIV came in, the assumption of the disease being limited to homosexual men quickly changed.

By the end of 1983 a total of 3,064 cases had been reported, almost half of them had already died.

With the number of cases quickly growing, communities

across the country began organizing awareness programs.

To date the number of individuals infected with HIV worldwide has grown to over 33 million since the first cases were identified in 1981. Today doctors and scientist are making progress in treating the disease in ways never thought of before.

More than half a million people have died in the U.S. from AIDS since 1981. Currently in Washington, 10,532 people are infected with HIV.

In King County alone there are 6,575 people living with HIV or AIDS.

The Washington State Department of Health reports these numbers are growing by 4 percent each year.

Although the gay male community makes up for more than half of the new cases reported nationwide each year, the fastest growing group of new cases

is found in African-American women.

In Washington the number of new cases each year is dominated by Caucasian men, however a disproportionate number of cases among minority groups exist in Washington and across the country.

In Washington alone the rate of HIV infection among African-American men is more than 4 times that of Caucasian men, at approximately 50 cases per 100,000. Two times that of Caucasians for Hispanic men.

Dr. Baugher said the high occurrence of HIV infections among minorities is largely due to poverty. People living in poverty are less likely to be tested for STDs, said Dr. Baugher.

In response to such issues, the Centers for Disease Control announced in September 2010 an allocation of \$33 million for the National AIDS/HIV Strat-

egy. The money will benefit several programs with regard to AIDS awareness and prevention in the U.S.

The funding will focus on HIV testing in Chicago, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Houston, Los Angeles, Maryland, New York City, Philadelphia, Puerto Rico, San Francisco, and Texas, said Nikki Mayes of the Centers for Disease Control.

Each area will receive over \$1.1 million for various HIV/AIDS programs. These areas have the highest concentration of infection in the U.S.

Other portions of the funding will support an HIV reporting website for gay men. "At this point there is no set time-frame for that [completion] yet," Mayes said.

"As of April 2008, all states had implemented confidential name-based HIV infection reporting," said Mayes.

"In King County prevention measures begin with awareness, but have a focus on widespread testing for at-risk populations," said Kathryn Ross. Ross is a public information officer for Seattle and King County Public Health.

The King County STD Clinic in Seattle sees approximately 55 patients per day and offers low- or no-cost testing. Nearly every community in King County offers some sort of STD/HIV prevention and care program. The problem is that widespread said Ross.

To encourage African American men to get tested, the Center for Multicultural Health in Seattle offers a \$20 payment for them to get tested. This is in hopes of lowering the spread of HIV among the black community via personal awareness.

Along with several government programs, a number of volunteer organizations are also helping to spread awareness and provide care for HIV and AIDS patients. Bailey-Boushay House in Seattle is one such organization.

As the first AIDS hospice home in the country, Bailey-Boushay has housed patients with AIDS since June of 1992. The organization was built entirely on volunteer work and donations.

Bailey-Boushay specializes in chronic care management of HIV/AIDS patients and in the past was the final home for many AIDS patients.

Today with new medications emerging every year, people infected with HIV are living longer and many are able to go home, said Brian Knowles, executive director of Bailey-Boushay.

New medications are helping to prolong the progression from



Pat Migliore, speaking at Highline last quarter, has lived with AIDS for 25 years.

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Search for origin of AIDS leads down many paths

By RASCHELLE CASEBIER
Staff Reporter

Researchers are continuing to seek answers for the origin of AIDS which has remained as much of a mystery as the cure for AIDS.

Tracy Brigham, one of Highline's physical education and nutrition instructors, spoke on the origin of AIDS theories at a recent History Seminar.

The History Seminar is a weekly event, featuring Highline faculty who present topics in their fields of expertise.

Among these many theories is the hunter theory.

"In 1999 a group of researchers from the University of Alabama announced that they had found a type of SIV (Simian Immunodeficiency Virus), found in monkeys, that was almost identical to HIV-1," Brigham said.

As a result of these findings, many believed that the virus had crossed species. It's suspected that while hunting, the



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Highline global health professor Tracy Brigham discusses the origins of AIDS at a recent seminar on campus.

chimpanzee's blood would enter into the wounds and cuts of the hunter.

Once inside the human host, the SIV on a few occasions adapted itself to become

to about a million people in the Belgian Congo, Rwanda and Burundi in the late 1950s," Brigham said.

The immunization theory is similar to the oral polio vaccine

HIV-1, said Brigham.

Another approach to explain where AIDS started is called the oral polio vaccine theory.

"In his book, *The River*, the journalist Edward Hooper suggests that HIV can be traced to the testing of an oral polio vaccine called Chat, given

theory. "During the immunization crusades of the 1950s and 1960s, millions of injections were unsafely administered throughout Africa," she said.

"The process of multiple injections could cause a speedy mutation of the HIV into the virulent virus we know of today," Brigham said.

Because of these practices, many believe that medical injections may have been the main method of transmission throughout Africa in the early years of AIDS.

The colonialism theory is similar to the immunization theory and is based on the basic hunter theory premise, but further explains how the original infection could have led to an epidemic, Brigham said.

"In the late 19th and early 20th century during colonial rule in Africa, many Africans were forced into labor camps," said Brigham.

Due to the scarcity of food and poor sanitation, it is likely that the workers would've eaten

any available food, including chimpanzees possibly affected by SIV.

"On top of the lack of food, many laborers would also have been inoculated with unsterile needles and camps actively employed prostitutes, creating numerous possibilities for onward transmission," Brigham said.

"Some say that HIV is a conspiracy theory or that it is man-made," she said.

A recent survey carried out in the U.S. identified a significant number of Americans who believe HIV was manufactured as part of a biological warfare program, designed to wipe out large populations, Brigham said.

"While none of these theories can be definitively disproved, the evidence given to back them up is usually based upon supposition and speculation, and ignores the clear link between SIV and HIV or the fact that the virus has been identified in people as far back as 1959," Brigham said.

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HIV to AIDS, lessening the need for long term hospice care for many infected individuals.

One such drug, S/GSK1349572, has been reported to not only treat the progression of the virus, but also prevent contraction of HIV. The New England Journal of Medicine released a study on Nov. 24, 2010 showing an increased protective benefit from the drug.

The study found that the drug lowered the risk to the men studied by 40 percent. Researchers believe that the number could be as high as 95 percent with timely, daily regimens.

New drugs that are available lower the instance of AIDS progression by suppressing the virus, enabling the immune system to begin to rebuild itself.

A person's status is changed from HIV to AIDS when their CD4 count falls below 400, said

Pat Migliore, a long-term survivor of HIV.

She said the CD4 cell count, more commonly known as T-cells, of a non-infected person are usually between 800 and 1200. CD4 cells affect the body's ability to fight against infection.

People with AIDS ultimately die from opportunistic infections that would otherwise be combated by a healthy person's immune system. AIDS itself does not kill the patient.

Migliore's battle against HIV began in 1986. The emotional impact was great.

In her quest for normality she began speaking about her disease to groups in hopes of spreading awareness. She has been speaking to Highline students for more than 15 years.

Volunteer efforts starting locally have grown to help the even larger need of AIDS care and prevention throughout the world. The Chebagogo Foundation is a volunteer organization

started by a former Highline student, Nelly Soma.

The Chebagogo Foundation serves orphaned children living with HIV or AIDS. The orphanage is located in Kenya, Soma's country of origin.

They currently can house up to 12 children and have hopes of building a facility to accommodate 1,200.

They hope to achieve this soon. Waiting lists are far larger than the current capacity of their facilities.

With awareness being at the top of the list for prevention, there are several classes at Highline that cover the issue, including Dr. Baugher's Understanding AIDS course.

Tracy Brigham has been teaching Global Health Issues at Highline for 11 years and says that perception of the disease has improved over the years. In the '80s there was a stigma for gay men and drug users as the only people who got AIDS.

"The good news is that with

treatment people are living a lot longer with HIV and AIDS nowadays," said Brigham.

Access to medication in the U.S. is high, especially when compared to developing countries.

Many developing countries lack treatment for a variety of reasons, mostly because there's no access to medication, Brigham said.

"HIV/AIDS is the number one killer in Sub-Saharan Africa. About 70 percent of all AIDS cases in the world are in Sub-Saharan Africa, and close to 90 percent of the death toll of AIDS is in Sub-Saharan Af-

rica," said Brigham.

Although Americans are well aware of the disease, the numbers of new cases continues to grow, Brigham said.

"Uganda was actually the first country to see their numbers go down."

"In 1986 they had about a 30 percent prevalence rate, now it is down to about 5 percent," Brigham added.

Education starts very young in other countries, Brigham said.

"I think AIDS has been put on the back burner [in the U.S.] while we hear more about SARS or bird flu," she said.



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Students ask legislators to spare colleges from budget axe

By RASCHELLE CASEBIER
Staff Reporter

Students spoke to legislators last week about the need for Highline to remain an affordable college.

Highline students shared their personal experiences at the Student Government legislative breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 6, trying to persuade legislators to keep Highline accessible for all students.

Several of Washington's legislators joined the breakfast, including; State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines, State rep. Dave Upthegrove, D-Des Moines, and State Rep. Zack Hudgins, D-Tukwila.

"This meeting was designed for students to engage with legislators before going to Olympia," said Shaquita Pressley, Student Government speaker of the caucuses.

Several students shared their reasons why Highline needs to remain available to current and future students.

"I enrolled at Highline as a single mother with a 7-month-old son and maintained a 4.0 GPA," said Serenity Carr, Phi Theta Kappa President.

She was able to build many

relationships on campus and through her Highline family she has accomplished many of her goals, Carr said.

Students shared several inspirational stories, and these are just a few, said Olga Afichuk, Student Government president.

"At Highline, I was able to transform as a person and rediscover myself," Afichuk said.

This is why she wants to keep Highline accessible for future students, Afichuk said.

Many programs on Highline's campus have helped students to succeed such as the Work First program and Running Start, students said.

"I was able to build a career plan in property management here at Highline and become self-sufficient," said Christina Gardner, Work First student.

Highline's Running Start program helps high school students to afford college.

"Through Running Start I'm able to have two years of free college and a high school diploma," said Eugenie Jun, Running Start student and Student Legislative Action Committee chairwoman.

The transition from high school to college was comfortable and made me more confi-



State Sen. Karen Keiser and State Rep. Dave Upthegrove speak to students.

dent," Jun said.

"Highline has done great things for me and I would like to see the same for other students," said Shaquita Pressley.

"This experience should be shared with other students," Pressley said.

The Student Government is working to keep Highline open to all students by working to develop policies to keep the college available and affordable, said Vince Dominguez, Student Government vice president.

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Upthegrove said.

The Legislature's top priority is maintaining the education budget; however, higher education must compete with K-12 as well as human service programs, forcing the House and Senate to make tough cuts.

"We made deep, painful cuts two years ago, and these will be even deeper," he said.

President Obama's Stimulus Bill in 2009 provided \$3 billion in federal funds that the state does not have this year, making it even more difficult to balance the budget.

In 2009-2011, higher education made up 10 percent of the budget, with community and technical colleges receiving 48.3 percent of the \$3 billion.

Governor Gregoire's proposal for the upcoming 2011-2013 plan decreases the higher education total by \$5.8 million, reducing the community and technical college portion by 8.5 percent after accounting for tuition revenue.

"There is no doubt that funding colleges will be cut," said Upthegrove. "Where and how is what needs to be decided."

The Legislature's focus is to maintain reasonable rates of tuition and financial aid, a task made more difficult as community and technical colleges must

also compete with the major universities.

As far as how much tuition will rise, it will be left up to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

The Legislature will allow the Board to raise tuition by up to 10 percent each year.

Depending on the Board's final decision, tuition may raise up to \$280 for each student next year and \$305 in the 2012-2013 school year.

At a time when the state should be investing in education, the Legislature has no choice but to make cuts, Upthegrove said.

There is no way to avoid the cuts and they will affect the students as well as the staff and faculty, he said.

Upthegrove says the budget proposal is the main issue of this Legislative session, pushing policy bills and smaller issues aside. Even simple bills must be compromised, and the target is to change the little things to save money.

The majority of the state budget goes to education as well as human services, leaving the House and Senate with the difficult decision of eliminating optional care from the federal Medicaid program, Upthegrove said.

Preliminary budget-cutting plans will be announced in the upcoming weeks, with the full proposal made within the next couple months, he said.

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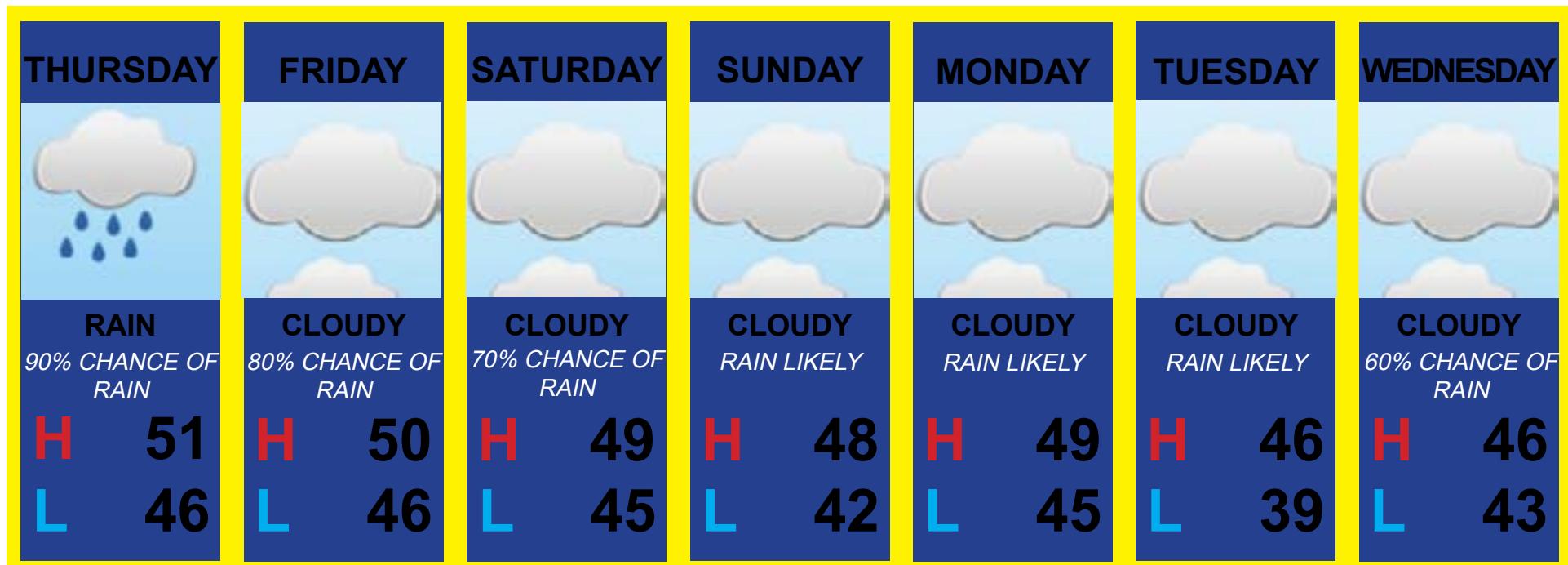
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She will be signing copies of her latest book after the event. Copies are available at the bookstore at a 25% discount.

Ann Rule is a Highline Alum and former Foundation Board Member.

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enrollment," her spokesman, Scott Whiteaker, told the Thunderword this week.

Comments from UW Regent Craig Cole, himself a community college graduate, provoked widespread protest from former two-year college students. But while Cole said that the Daily story incorrectly that he had "expressed concerns over the deteriorating value of a community college education," he repeated his concerns about quality and the decline in funding for all of higher education.

"Statistically, the worst way to create a baccalaureate degree is to start somebody in a two-year [college]," said Cole, a former retail executive and currently the chief executive of an investment firm, an interview on Wednesday. "The student who starts at a community college is less likely to complete a bachelor's degree. It is not a derogatory statement. The statistics are proven."

The statistics that Cole is citing refer to all community college students, many of whom do not attend a two-year school with the intent of transferring to a four-year school.

Jeff Wagnitz, Highline's vice president of academic affairs, said that students from two-year schools who do actually transfer do just fine once they get there.

"Students who transfer from two-to-four-year institutions make up more than 40 percent of those earning bachelor's degrees annually in Washington," Wagnitz said. "More than 70 percent of the students who access higher education in our state do so first at two-year institutions."

"I think that Regent Cole's remarks reflect his perspective, not facts," said Dr. Jack Birmingham, Highline president.

Dr. Birmingham said he believes that it is important to acknowledge the success of the transfer students throughout the state, many of whom may

not have been able to access a higher education if it weren't for their enrollment in a community college.

Highline Director of the Transfer Center Siew Lai Lilley has worked with many of those students personally.

"I have worked with tons of transfer students over the years who have transferred successfully to the baccalaureate colleges and universities," Lilley said.

"Of course you would expect a large number of bachelor degree holders from a community college," Cole said, because four-year institutions reserve around 30 percent of their admissions for transfers from community colleges.

"I'm concerned about the quality [of education] throughout higher learning. Less and less funding makes it hard to maintain quality," Cole said. quality that he believes may cheaper and cheaper cost.

The question at hand is how quality is maintained with declining revenue, Cole said.

A question that has yet to be answered.



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things," Roegner said.

"I really liked focusing on a broader goal," he said.

This discovery would inevitably lead him into politics; that and his biggest inspiration, President John F. Kennedy.

"In my generation he presented to the country the ideal that you outta give back. You need to be worried about making a contribution to your community," Roegner said.

That is what he has been doing, being active in his community through political involvement.

He found himself on the City Council of Auburn and ran for mayor six years later.

Roegner was mayor 12 years.

After Roegner left office in Auburn he ran into a bit of difficulty as the Division Director of Records, Elections, Archives, and Licensing in King County in 2003, an experience he had no hesitation discussing.

A problem surfaced when

ballots were not mailed out by the deadline to more than 1,500 absentee voters.

Roegner acknowledged the error occurred in the way he felt most acceptable; to take full responsibility.

"It is not appropriate to pass the buck when you're the boss and something goes wrong," he said.

His attitude concerning responsibility has allowed him to hold numerous board positions while working to better his community.

Currently he is sits on the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the St. Francis Fellowship Board, and the King County Personnel Board.

Two additional board positions he holds currently he will be leaving shortly, one with the Federal Way Boys and Girls Club and the other with the Friends of the Hylebos.

He has been with the Boys &

Girls Club Board for eight years and feels it is time to move on, he said.

As for the Friends of the Hylebos, an group working to protect the Hylebos Creek wetlands in Federal Way, is "merging with another organization" and it too was time to move on, Roegner said.

It was about that time when he heard about the Board of Trustees position with Highline, Roegner said.

He has the time to devote and the interest to keep active in the community and thought it would be a good fit so he pursued the position, he said.

That and his "huge regard for the instructors [at Highline]," he said, led him here.

"Highline offers an incredibly diverse education; they bring a lot to the table," he said.

Highline provides students an opportunity to "really see what they can do with themselves."

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